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CHP MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The California Highway Patrol's observance of National Police Memorial Week will be held at the CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue, West Sacramento, on Thursday, May 6, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet and CHP Commissioner Dwight Helmick will make brief remarks and place a wreath on the memorial fountain. The invocation and benediction will be provided by Chaplain Karl Hansen. Also on the program are a 21 gun salute followed by the playing of Taps.

189 CHP officers have died in the line of duty since the Department's formation almost 70 years ago on August 14, 1929. One CHP officer has lost his life since last year's memorial service.

To reach the CHP Academy, from Sacramento, take Highway 50 (W/X Freeway) toward San Francisco to I-80 Reno, exit at Reed Avenue, turn West on Reed, then turn right onto the Academy grounds. A map showing how to reach the Academy is attached.

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